

1. Yes, the aircraft operator SHOULD be required to inform users regarding the availability of electrical outlets, especially in coach class. This information should be available at the time of ticketing, to provide options for the user. This can be done now and would impose no hardship on the aircraft operator.

2. NO, the user should NOT be required to carry enough spare batteries to last the duration of the flight plus any anticipated or reasonable delays. Such a requirement would impose an unreasonable personal weight-bearing burden upon an individual already disabled enough to require supplemental oxygen. Rather, the aircraft operator SHOULD be required to provide a reasonable number of electrical outlets on board the aircraft and to maintain a constant power supply to the outlets. A constant power supply is available now and would impose no hardship on the aircraft operator; but there may need to be the installation of a reasonable number of additional power outlets in coach section. I would be willing to pay extra to sit in such a power-equipped seat, just as I am willing to pay extra for meals and refreshments.

3. YES, the meanings of the terms "anticipated delay" and "reasonable delay" are clear, but the meaning(s) would be unnecessary if the aircraft operator is required to provide a constant power supply to a reasonable number of outlets onboard (as discussed in 2. above). Most of us who would travel with a POC would have at least one spare battery for it anyway, just as we do with our laptop. I'm a veteran air traveler with well over one million actual flight miles in my lifetime (I'm now 65). For the past twenty years I have averaged 50,000-75,000 air miles every year for business. This past year it dropped to 25,000, including 1,000 in the past six months due to the disability caused by my COPD disease. My business is my lifeline, I need to travel, and presently I am struggling. I am deeply grateful that you are considering this rule at all, and I hope you will make the modest changes I suggest.

Most respectfully,

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